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(U) Azusa – Seized Illegal Fireworks Cache Four Times Larger Than Initially Reported

(U) A cache of illegal fireworks seized in a Los Angeles suburb this week was four times larger than initially reported. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reported 14,000-pounds of fireworks was seized from a home in Azusa and a storage unit. Initial reports estimated 3,500-pounds. Twenty-seven homes were evacuated for hours Monday as authorities removed the explosives. Investigators also seized more than \$10,000 in cash, an illegal gun, and detained one person.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) New York – New York State, City Target Ghost Gun Sellers in Lawsuit

(U) New York City – New York State and New York City sued 10 distributors of gun components to stop the sale of illegal, largely untraceable "ghost guns" that they say make the streets more violent. In separate lawsuits on Wednesday, officials said the companies are creating a public nuisance by selling unfinished frames and receivers that purchasers, who might otherwise be ineligible to buy firearms, can build into finished guns. Police have this year recovered 373 ghost guns statewide and 175 in New York City through mid-June, on pace to exceed last year's respective totals of 641 and 263. City officials said this month that gun arrests are at a 28-year high.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Police Arrest 19-Year-Old for Threatening to Carry Out Mass Shooting

(U) San Antonio – Police in San Antonio, Texas, arrested a 19-year-old man who worked at Amazon Delivery Station after a coworker tipped off the authorities of his plan to commit a mass shooting at the said facility. Rodolfo Valdivia Aceves was taken into custody "without incident" at Bexar County Jail. Aceves has been charged with making terroristic threats, a third-degree felony. He is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [Gateway Pundit](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – NATO to Create Cyber Rapid Response Force, Increase Cyber Defense Aid to Ukraine

(U) Brussels – NATO announced plans for a commitment to create a rapid response cyber force and to bolster military partnerships with civil society and industry to respond to cyber threats. Coming on the heels of a meeting that included leaders from all 30 allied countries, the Madrid summit declaration also said NATO will do more to support Ukraine's cyber resilience and defense against Russia while also focusing on China as a long-term and mounting cyberthreat.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) El Salvador – Salvadoran President Vows Tougher War on Gangs after Police Killed

(U) San Salvador – President Nayib Bukele of El Salvador pledged his government will "intensify" already tough efforts to combat gangs after three police officers were gunned down earlier in the day. Bukele declared a state of emergency in March in an effort to rein in a spike in homicides, suspending some

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constitutional protections such as free assembly. He said the officers who were killed had been "ambushed" by members of the Barrio 18 gang.

SOURCE: 28 June 2022, [MSN](#)

(U) France – Lone Surviving Attacker in Paris Attack Guilty of Murder

(U) Paris – The lone survivor of a team of Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) extremists who terrorized Paris in 2015 was convicted of murder and other charges and sentenced to life-in-prison without parole for the deadliest peacetime attacks in French history. The special terrorism court also convicted 19 other men involved in the assault on the Bataclan concert hall, cafes, and the national stadium, which killed 130 people and injured hundreds, some permanently maimed. It also led to intensified French military action against extremists abroad and a lasting shift in France's security posture at home.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Journalist Shot and Killed in Mexico, 12th So Far This Year

(U) Ciudad Victoria – A journalist was shot to death in northeastern Mexico as he was leaving his house with his 23-year-old daughter, who was seriously injured. Antonio de la Cruz, 47, was a reporter for the local newspaper Expreso for almost three-decades. With his death, 12 journalists were killed this year in the country, the deadliest for the Mexican press. De la Cruz was shot at the door of his house in Ciudad Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas on the US border. The region is mired in violence linked to organized crime.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) North Korea – North Korean Hackers Thought to be Behind \$100 Million Cryptocurrency Heist

(U) Pyongyang – \$100 million in cryptocurrency was stolen from a US company and North Korea is thought to be the culprit, as the regime steps up attempts to secure funding for its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The assets were stolen on 23 June from Horizon Bridge, a service operated by the Harmony blockchain that allows assets to be transferred to other blockchains, three digital investigative firms have concluded. There are strong indications that North Korea's Lazarus Group may be responsible for this theft, based on the nature of the hack and the subsequent laundering of the stolen funds.

SOURCE: 30 June 2022, [The Guardian](#)

(U) Yemen – Car Bomb Targeting Security Official Leaves Six Dead, Eight Injured

(U) Amsterdam – A car carrying explosives detonated while the convoy of a security official from a neighboring province was driving by. Officials reported two security personnel died later from their wounds, bringing the death toll to at least six people, including four civilians. Three guards were wounded in the explosion. The bombing was the latest to target security officials in the key port city of Aden, which serves as the headquarters of Yemen's internationally recognized government. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. The city has been rocked by frequent bombings in recent years blamed on local affiliates of al-Qa'ida and ISIS.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, [Ahram Online](#)

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